Sorrows of Assam

1048. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have contemplated any immediate measure to control some rivers like Sonkosh, Saralbhanga, Aie, Manas, Putimari and Dhansiri which have become sorrows of Assam and caused endless miseries to the people;

(b) whether Government have assessed the degree of damages occurred due to recent; devastating flood in Assam; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Brahmaputra Board have prepared 51 Master Plans in three parts as indicated below:—

(i) Part-I-Main stem of the Brahmaputra river;

(ii) Part-II-The Barak river and its tributaries;

(iii) Part-III -The tributaries of the Brahmaputra, the Barak and the rivers of Tripura.

Out of 51 No. of Master Plans, 36 No. of Master Plans have since been approved by the Government of India. The remaining 25 Master Plans are in various stages of modifications/approval. The Master Plans for Sonkosh, Saralbhanga, Aie, Manas, Putimari and Dhansiri have since been prepared. Out of these, the Master Plans for Puthimari and Dhansiri (South) have since been approved by the Government of India and have been sent to the State Governments for implementation. In these Master Plans, various measures for flood and erosion control in these Basins have been recommended. The draft Master Plans for Sonkosh, Beki-Manas-Aie including Saralbhanga are under modification and is planned to be completed by March, 2009.

(b) and (c) Yes. The detail are given in the Statement.

Statement

Extent of Damage caused due to flood in Assam during 2007

Sl. No.	Particular of Damage	Number
1	2	3
1.	Total number of districts affected in flood	26
2.	Number of Villages affected	946
3.	Crop area affected (in lakh hectares)	3.55
4.	Population affected (in lakhs)	67.48
5.	Number of human lives lost in floods	35
6.	Number of houses damaged	10091

1	2	3
7.	Number of PWD roads damaged	773
8.	Number of S.P.T. bridges damaged	66
9.	Number of RCC bridges damaged	25
10.	Number of pipe Water supply schemes affected	301
11.	Number of Irrigation schemes damaged	5

Irrigation schemes in the Vidarbha Region

†1049. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount earmarked for the irrigation schemes for Gorikhurd, Bavanthadi, etc. in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra very little has been disbursed for these schemes;

(b) if so, whether the pace of work on these schemes have been very slow;

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government to expedite these schemes; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that work on irrigation schemes is not hampered for want of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Irrigation is a State subject and planning, execution funding as well as priority of execution of irrigation projects is within the purview of the concerned State Governments. However, the Central Government provides financial assistance under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme as per prevailing guidelines of the programme for expeditious completion of irrigation projects. The central assistance under AIBP provided to the States is based on the physical and financial programme for execution of the project provided by the State Governments with due provision in the States budget for works and ceiling for AIBP for the States fixed by the Planning Commission in consultation with concerned State Governments.

Bawanthadi Project is an Inter-state project between Government of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra while Gosikhurd project is a project of State Government of Maharashtra. Madhya Pradesh portion of Bawanthadi project was included in AIBP in 2003-04 and so far, Central assistance amounting to Rs. 54.1001 crore has been provided to Government of Madhya Pradesh for the project. Maharashtra portion of Bawanthadi project was included in AIBP in 2004-05 and Central assistance amounting to Rs. 47.119 crore has been provided to the Government of Maharashtra for the project. Gosikhurd Project is being provided financial assistance in phased manner. The project was included in AIBP in 1996-97 and so far, Rs. 241.3157 crore has been provided to the Government of Maharashtra for the project. A Statement indicating central assistance provided to major and medium irrigation projects of the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra till date is given in the Statement.

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